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Applicant : PEREZ GOMARIZ et al.
 Application No. : 10/090,109
 Filing Date : March 4, 2002
 For : METHOD FOR TREATING AND PREVENTING SEPTIC SHOCK WITH VPAC1R, VPAC2R AND PAC1R AGONISTS
 Examiner : Frank Lu
 Art Unit : 1634

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ELECTION AND REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby request, under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a one (1) month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding restriction requirement dated July 22, 2003; that is, up to and including September 22, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby

authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 14-1431 in the amount of \$110 as payment of the official fee now required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1).

The Commissioner is hereby further authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1431 for any additional fees which may now be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17.

In response to the Official Action dated July 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

REMARKS:

Claims 1-6 are in the case and presented for consideration.

The examiner has required restriction of the invention to one of six groups of claims, each Group corresponding to one of the claims 1-6. The examiner has stated that the compositions and methods of treating recited in each of the claims are patentably distinct from each other.

Accordingly, applicants hereby elect further prosecution of Group I, consisting of claim 1.

The application and claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

If any issues remain which may be resolved by telephonic communication, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the number below, if such will advance the application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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